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Transient Convicted of Murdering Elderly Couple for Cell Phone

A 27-year-old transient was convicted today of murdering an elderly couple and stealing the wife's cell phone in 2014, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jurors deliberated for about six hours before finding Luke Fabela (dob 2/26/92) guilty of two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of first-degree residential burglary. The panel also found true the special circumstance allegations of multiple murders and murder during the commission of a burglary.

Deputy District Attorney Tannaz Mokayef of the Major Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

On Dec. 26, 2014, Fabela murdered Shirley Isom, 75, and Armie "Troy" Isom, 89, at their hillside estate home in La Verne. Both died of blunt force trauma. Fabela also stole a cell phone from the residence.

DNA evidence linked Fabela to the crime scene.

Sentencing is set for Aug. 30 when Fabela faces life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Case KA109112 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.